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MILITANTS DESTROY SCOTCH RACE TRACK STABLES; TWO CAUGHT

British Suffragettes Captured Setting Fire to Another Grandstand After \$150,000 Fire At Ayr—Convicted Leader Starts Hunger Strike As She Begins Prison Life.

THREATENED KIDNAPING OF MEN PROMINENT IN NATION ALARMS POLICE

AYR, Scotland, April 5.—Militant suffragettes set fire to the racecourse here today and the grandstand, stables, and all buildings were totally consumed, entailing a loss of \$150,000.

Simultaneously with the fire which destroyed the buildings of the racecourse here today, two suffragettes were arrested, as they fired a race track at Kelso, Scotland. They had just put a match to oil-soaked material under the grandstand when guards caught them.

Militants Resort to Bombs; Revenge Mrs. Pankhurst

LONDON, April 5.—The militant suffragettes are striving strenuously to make good the threats of their leaders who promised to attack human life in reprisal for the sentencing of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst to three years in prison at hard labor.

The argument for the vote takes the shape of alarm clock bombs such as those used by the McNamara gang in America.

An order was expected from the home office today, removing the hunger-striking Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst from Holloway jail to Aylesbury prison, forty miles from London. The suffragette pickets who have walked around the jail in relays night and day since their leader was imprisoned, were chagrined at the prospective transfer of Mrs. Pankhurst because Aylesbury is a lonely place, where any demonstration the women might make would lose much of its effectiveness.

That the defiant militant leader would not serve three years in prison, or even an appreciable fraction of that time is almost assured. Her stay in jail will be measured by her physical endurance. If Mrs. Pankhurst has the will power to starve herself into a condition of such weakness that death would follow, she will be released on Home Secretary McKenna's "ticket of leave" plan, whenever the prison doctors report that further confinement would be fatal.

Starts Hunger Strike.
True to her word, Mrs. Pankhurst has not eaten a bite since she was committed to prison. She ate her last meal on the day of conviction, and the court was ordered in order that the militant leader might confer with her daughter, Sylvia, who is still ill from forcible feeding. So far Mrs. Pankhurst has not been forcibly fed. It is said that she will not eat.

At Llandanau, Newport, and other places in Monmouthshire, women today cut the telephone and telegraph wires, isolating whole districts. The suffragettes adopted these methods in order that they might finish their work and get away before the police came. Thousands of dollars' worth of damage has been done in the cutting of wires and the inconvenience has been beyond estimate.

An outbreak of suffragette violence occurred in Glasgow, Scotland, today, when smashing down of windows in the labor exchange. Phyllis Brady and Millicent Dean, who were arrested yesterday in London carrying suffragette flags, were taken to the police station and held for further hearing. Bail of \$250 was required of them.

Fear that suffragettes will destroy the most priceless historical and architectural landmarks of England is entertained today. Gamekeepers, special police, and private watchmen are employed in guarding all the famous old mansions of England. Especial care is taken of Chatsworth and Hardin Hall, Derbyshire, because of their historical associations. All unknown women are refused entrance to the grounds.

Scotland Staggered

By Militants' Act in

Burning Race Building

AYR, Scotland, April 5.—Without actually taking life, the suffragettes could hardly have chosen a more effective method by which to stagger Scotland than when they burned the buildings of the Ayrshire race course today. The

WILSON IS FIRM ON SUGAR RATE

Intends to Stand Out for Three-Year Plan or Immediate Eradication of Tariff.

STICKS BY PARTY'S PLEDGE

Executive Refuses to Yield to Fire of Arguments Advanced by Southern Interests.

President Wilson intends to stand pat on his demands respecting the revision of the sugar schedule; either the duty will be cut to \$1.20 per hundred with the understanding that free sugar will follow in three years or the entire duty will be eliminated at once.

This demand is in line with the Democratic platform pledge. Having told Congress what he considers a redemption of the pledge, the President will take the ground that the future of the Democratic party is in the hands of the majority in Congress and that if they do not accede to his interpretation of how to keep faith with the people they can take the responsibility.

Bombarded by Interests.

Sugar interests have bombarded the President for ten days with demands, requests, and arguments. His attitude has not changed in that time, and he intends to stand pat.

All of which means that a three-cornered fight will be staged in the first days of the tariff session, or that the sugar members will accede to the President's demands in the matter before Monday.

On Monday the case of the Hawaiian planters will be presented to the President by Prince Jonah K. Kalanianaʻolaha and W. A. Kinney. They regard \$1.20 as a duty under which sugar interests could exist, but they are distinctly opposed to the three-year program.

President Wilson very clearly has a fight on his hands. It is the first of the Administration, and it promises to be a major engagement.

The President is not only to talk mathematics with Congress, but he will inject into the fight—and see that it gets plenty of publicity—the moral element. A promise has been made by a party; that promise must be kept as a moral obligation.

Call On President.

Senator Thompson of Kansas and Senators Myers and Walsh of Montana called on the President today to discuss the sugar schedule and to learn something of his program respecting the special session.

The Democratic Senator from Kansas is in favor of a reduction of the duty on sugar, despite the fact that the only sugar factory in Kansas is located in his home town, Garden City, and has been run at a loss during the last year.

It is not improbable that the wool fight will be the last of the President's proposals similar to the one he has made respecting sugar—that the duty be reduced temporarily, with the understanding that it be entirely removed within a certain time.

Free sugar now is free wool is not. The general plan of the strategy of the Administration is to have lower rates on the House and the Senate. In the final analysis, certain compromises will be accepted. The Senate then can be blamed by both the House and the Administration for the fact that the rates are not as low as the radical revisionists wanted.

Conference Arranged.

The compromise, however, may come before the bill is introduced. Senate tariff leaders are studying the bill and will meet at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, following which they will confer with Chairman Underwood and President Wilson. By that time it will have been determined whether a general tariff bill will be introduced in the House, Senate, and the Administration can stand. It is uncertain whether the bill will be introduced in the House Monday.

Woman Accused of Slaying Navy Officer May Order Attack Upon Indictment.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., April 5.—"Our defense is a good one," was the sole comment of Attorney Francis Geogan today in discussing the announcement that the defense of Mrs. Jennie M. Eaton, indicted for the murder of her husband, Rear Admiral Joseph Elton Eaton, has been decided upon.

The matter of attacking the indictment will be discussed by Attorney Geogan and Attorney William A. Morse at a conference Monday. If they fail to attack the indictment within twenty days, no action will be taken until the June term of the superior court, when Mrs. Eaton will be tried.

Door Is Forced Open, Woman Found Dead

Mrs. J. B. Robertson, fifty years old, was found dead in bed this morning in her room on the second floor of the house at 712 Eleventh street northwest, where she had lived for the last four years. The woman was last seen early Wednesday morning.

Richard F. Preusser, an inventor, who has a workshop on the first floor of the building, and sent out the rooms on the upper floors, failed to get any response to repeated rappings on Mrs. Robertson's door this morning, and he coming suspicious that something was wrong, summoned Policeman Chester R. Samson, of the First precinct. Samson broke the door open and found the woman's body.

It is believed death was due to natural causes.

Strikers Throw Stones At Twine Mill Workers

AUBURN, N. Y., April 5.—Although two companies of the State militia and the city police were on duty about the International Harvester Twine Mill and Columbia Rope Company's plant today, trouble again broke out between striking employees and workers. About 200 strikers gathered near the plant and threw stones at the mill workers. The strikers back. No shots were fired.

Martial law was in force today about the plant and the sheriff warned the public against going near them.

Defends English Militants



MISS ALICE PAUL.

ESCAPES PRISON, JUMPS TO DEATH

Notorious Automobile Bandit Commits Suicide When His Capture Is Inevitable.

PARIS, April 5.—M. Lacombe, member of a notorious automobile gang of bandits, who has been confined in Sainte-Pelagie prison, committed suicide there today after a most dramatic attempt to escape. When he saw recapture was inevitable, Lacombe jumped from the roof of the building and was instantly killed.

After infinite plans and labor, Lacombe saved through the steel bars of his cell with tools smuggled in to him. He made his way to the roof, but before he could climb over the prison wall his escape was discovered. He went back to the roof, and when his pursuers closed around him, he dived from the parapet into the stone-paved prison yard. When the guards reached him he was dead.

Lacombe belonged to a gang of automobile bandits which terrorized a whole section of France. Twenty-two of them were captured and tried several months ago, but at that time he could not be found. He later was tried and imprisoned.

Lacombe confessed that he had killed a postmaster and a railroad guard. Two years ago, while exhibiting the Apache dance before a party of Russian tourists in Paris, Lacombe, carried away by the frenzy of the dance, stabbed his girl companion and killed her.

Says Community Is to Blame for Immorality

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—The high cost of living, as caused by waste and extravagance, and the "minimum wage" law, were the subjects that held the attention of the annual conference of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, in final session here today.

"It is immoral to destroy the health and happiness of young girls by the low wages they get," asked Miss Frances Perkins of New York. She indicated that not only the ruined girl, but the community as well, which stood by and permitted conditions that tempted her, were responsible.

"Unless this fearful toll ceases," said the speaker, "the community will pay an awful price for the crimes committed against the future mothers of the land."

Vanderbilt Buys Chateau.

PARIS, April 5.—William K. Vanderbilt is said to be the purchaser of the historic chateau Chenonceaux, which today was sold at auction for \$74,000.

The sale was at the request of its owner, the wife of Sanjaux de Castellane, who was Miss Nathalie Terry, an American.

Sarah Bernhardt at Garden

All next week in "Romance of an Actress."—Adv.

MRS. WILSON IS GUEST OF HONOR

Women of Washington Pay High Tribute to Wife of President Today.

SOCIETY AT BREAKFAST

Reception by "First Lady of Land" Follows at Which Leaders Meet Official Set.

The women of Washington paid high tribute to Mrs. Wilson and the Cabinet women of the new Administration today when the "breakfast of welcome" was held at Rauscher's. Small tables were laid in the main hall room with covers for ten each. Every table was adorned with a centerpiece of ferns and jonquills with ropes of Southern smilax edging the tables, and falling in festoons on the sides.

The guests began to arrive shortly before noon and, in exchange for their cards of admission, were given a card with the number of their table and their place. There was almost no confusion and the guests were seated quite as easily as at a smaller function.

Mrs. Scott Presides.

In the absence of Mrs. John W. Kern, wife of the Senator from Indiana, who was to have been the toastmaster, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott presided. To her right sat the honor guest, Mrs. Wilson, and to her left was the wife of the Vice President, Mrs. Marshall. One of the little ceremonials at the head table was the pledging of one another by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Bryan, and Mrs. Scott. After this, the attention of the guests was turned to the menu and table talk. The honor table was laid in the center of the room and the guests, in addition to Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Bryan, and Mrs. Scott, were:

Guests of Honor.

Honor guests' table—Mrs. Redfield, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Burleson, Mrs. William J. Bryan, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Matthew Scott, mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. William B. Wilson.

None of the unpleasantness of politics, which has overshadowed the arrangements for this luncheon—the first large function of the Administration—were noticeable today. Everyone was happy and the festivity was a wonderful success. The guests were representative of official and resident society, including members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, the Southern Relief Society, the Congressional Club, the Young Women's Christian Association, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The menu was well selected and did not include wines. At each table were souvenir booklets containing the names of the hostesses and the guests at their tables. These were daintily planned and will be quite valued as the little booklets were given to the guests at the Dolly Madison breakfast last spring.

After the last course had been served, an illustrated lecture was given by Mrs. Abby Baker on "The Historic White" (Continued on Eleventh Page.)

SCUTARI TAKEN BY ALLIES, IS REPORT

London Hears City Has Fallen Before Assault of Servians and Montenegrins.

LONDON, April 5.—Scutari has surrendered to the Montenegrins and Servians, according to persistent, but unconfirmed reports here today.

From Paris and Vienna, from news agencies and other sources, the rumor was heard repeatedly, but the foreign office and the diplomats had no authentic information.

The reports agreed that the beleaguered city fell early today before a last desperate assault by 60,000 of the allies.

Cash Indemnity and Aegean Islands Form Balkan Powers' Demand

SOFIA, April 5.—The Balkan allies, replying to the peace proposal of the great powers, today stated formally that they would insist on their demands for cash indemnity and for the cession of the Aegean Islands to Greece. They are willing, they said, to accept the Turkish European frontier proposed by the powers.

The reply was in the form of a note delivered by the Bulgarian foreign office to the diplomatic representatives of the powers at Sofia.

Wilson Calls Urge "Alaska for Alaskans"

"Alaska for Alaskans" was the slogan of a party of men from the Far North who called on President Wilson today. Headed by H. W. Jennings, of Juneau, a party of ten from Alaska asked the President to appoint only men who have lived in Alaska and are familiar with conditions there to Federal offices. It is probable that Jennings himself will be given a Federal judgeship, and that Mr. Erwin, another member of the party, who lives at Fairbanks, will obtain a marshalship.

CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS DIVIDED ON BEST PLAN FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS

Unable to Agree Whether Funds Should Be Furnished by Government or by Active Employees in Classified Service—Methods Discussed by Congressmen at Convention Session.

RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION TO BE AT LATE AFTERNOON SESSION

United in their determination that civil service employees must be pensioned in their old age, 300 delegates who are assembled here for the purpose of organizing a National Civil Service Retirement Association, have been unable to agree so far as to the best plan of pensioning.

Should superannuated employees be pensioned by the Government, or by contributions from active employees, or on a half-Government, half-contributory plan?

That is the question the delegates will vote on this afternoon. The straight pension idea is largely prevalent at the conference, which is composed of leaders from every section of the country and from every branch of the civil

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service, but in order to persuade those who favor the contributory plan to join the organization, the straight pensioners may have to compromise on a half-and-half basis.

Plead for Harmony.

Rhineland Waldo, commissioner of police for New York city, and five Congressmen were the chief speakers at today's meeting, and all of them preached harmony.

Commissioner Waldo urged the delegates to agree on the straight Government pension plan, and declared a contributory pension is no pension at all, but merely a reduction of salary during the active years of the employee's life.

Congressman James A. Hamilton of New Jersey, author of the Hamilton bill for pensioning civil service employees, impressed upon the delegates the absolute necessity for their agreeing on something.

"The Government is setting any pension bill through Congress," he declared, "is that the employees are divided on the kind of plan they want. If you will agree on a plan that is reasonable and not too hard on the taxpayer, there is no doubt whatever that a retirement bill will be passed."

View of Mr. Riley.

Congressman Riley of Connecticut also urged the importance of harmony, and advised the delegates to agree on the straight pension plan.

"The first thing for this conference to do," he said, "is to get a retirement association today that will retire all petty jealousies and prejudices and get the delegates to agree on a plan that is reasonable and not too hard on the taxpayer, there is no doubt whatever that a retirement bill will be passed."

Sorry for Employees.

"I have sometimes looked upon young men who go into the Government service with regret," said Mr. Logan, "because I feel there is little in the future for them, and because I feel that after they have been in the service a while, they will lose interest in their work. But if we can get a retirement bill, we can give them a chance to give the service a good name."

Congressman Donahoe of Pennsylvania, urged the delegates to harmonize on a plan, and said he believed there is no doubt a retirement bill will be passed if the employees get together on the kind of bill they want.

Congressman-elect Oglesby of New York, who was in the army in Cuba, said he believed the man who gives his life to the Government in civil service is entitled to all the consideration that is awarded the man who gives his life in military service, and that he will favor any retirement bill that will not be too great a strain on the taxpayer.

Note This Afternoon.

It was agreed upon adjournment at 12:45 that only two speakers will be heard this afternoon when the conference is reconvened. Oscar Nelson, of Chicago, who is leading the fight for a contributory plan, is expected to refuse to join the direct pension plan, but will accept a compromise.

A vote is expected to be taken by 4 o'clock, and after that is done, whether the conference decides in favor of the straight pension or in favor of the compromise, it will at once organize itself into an association.

Fight Flames in Spire As Big Crowd Cheers

BROOKLINE, Mass., April 5.—Cheered on by a large crowd that stood for nearly an hour in drizzling rain, several firemen early today risked their lives fighting fire in the steeple of the high school, 30 feet high, the tower was struck by lightning. The estimated damage was \$1,000.

Scores Modern Dress.

LONDON, April 5.—"God never intended a beautiful woman to look like a duck waddling to a pond," was the way in which the editor of the fashionable St. Nicholas Parish, Guilford, referred to modern dress.